

The Carolina Spartan.

SPARTANBURG,
Tuesday, January 20, 1862.

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Owing to the absence of the Editor and Proprietor who is now in the army, some failures have occurred in the publication of the paper, which he most sincerely regrets. Since his departure, the undersigned by arrangement with the Proprietor, have concluded to take charge of the different departments of the office, and oblige themselves to secure its continuous issue. To accomplish this object, they have effected arrangements for a regular supply of paper and ink, and with the composing force at their command, promise to the readers, regularity, with such intelligence as these stirring times may afford.

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In our efforts thus pledged for the advancement of the interests of the paper, we are sure, that we shall receive the hearty cooperation of its friends. Thus believing, we invoke the aid of the subscribers.

If those indebted will make payment, we shall feel thankful, and more profoundly assured of our abilities to redeem our pledges herein unconditionally made.

J. M. ELFORD,
THOS. O. P. VERNON,

Our Correspondent L.

Our many readers will no doubt, with our selves, regret that the interesting letters of the Spartan, signed L., have measurably ceased—his explanation this week will certainly clear up the cause. His long silence has been owing to a severe spell of Typhoid fever; but we are now happy to say his recovering, and though slow, we hope sure.

Death of George Sprague.

We have just this morning to notice the death of this brave volunteer of the 6th Regiment, S. C. V., who died at Richmond, Va., on the 23d of January. His remains are to be brought home on Saturday, and will be buried at Cannon's Camp Ground, on next Sabbath.

Death of Harvey Sprinkle.

We regret to learn that this young man, a native of this District, died of his wounds received at the battle of Dranesville, Virginia. When he was, he shot begged his friend who attempted to remove him, but could not to his life. Refusing to do so, the Yankees approached, and slew him.

Not satisfied with taking the life of his friend, the Yankees adanged and pierced the unfortunate victim of their infernal missiles, with their bayonets, several times through the body. On the subsequent day, the reinforcements, under General Longstreet, came up, when Mr. Sprinkle was removed and taken care of. He improved for several days, and for a disease superinduced from some cause might have recovered. We are sorry however to record his death, and tender most sincerely our sympathies to his bereaved parents. He was a young man of other and indomitable habits, and so far as we know, worthy of the confidence and esteem of his fellow countrymen.

Headquarters 1st Battalion,
S. C. V.
Camp River, Adams Run, Jan. 20, 1862.

A meeting of the Ferguson Rangers, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas Almighty God, in the dispensation of His divine providence, has seen proper to remove from our ranks by death our much loved and highly esteemed fellow soldier, J. G. Layton, whose integrity as a gentleman, and patriotism as a soldier, no one for a moment ever questioned; Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of our brother J. G. Layton, the Ferguson Rangers have experienced the loss of a kind-hearted friend and true soldier, whose loss of country was commensurate with his willingness to endure the privations and hardships of a soldier's life to defend the soil of his loved Carolina from pollution by an unprincipled and ignominious foe.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we still fling our lot to a dear rite of the heart, that the bloom of life and full vigor of manhood, had so early taken from us by the ruthless hand of death.

Resolved, That we tender our condolences and cheerful sympathies to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased brother, and point them to the word of Him who has promised to comfort those that mourn.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the distressed family of the deceased, and that they be published in the *Guardian* at Columbia, and requested the Spartanburg papers to copy.

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Camp Hampton

HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND DISTRICT, S. C. V.

January 19, 1862.

The following committee has been appointed from the different masses of the CHAPEL GUARDS, from Spartanburg, commanded by Capt. W. W. Hendrix, for the purpose of drawing up some conditions for the said company to be garrisoned, and to be observed throughout our camps, to wit:

Capt. C. A. Berry, J. D. Burnett, T. E. Jones, Alfred Smock, Howell Johnson, J. W. Wood, Washington Johnson and Zadock Rogers.

On motion, W. Johnson was called to the chair, and J. W. Wood, requested to act as Secretary.

Resolved, That we assemble ourselves every night when circumstances will admit, at some post in our line of tents for the purpose of holding prayer, and that we invoke the blessings of Almighty God upon us, and that he may guide and protect us for the time we may remain in camp.

Resolved, That as we wish to put down all immorality and profane swearing, we therefore make confession and promise that we shall be guilty of the same.

Resolved, That we request the editor of the Carolina Spartan to publish the proceedings and resolutions of the committee.

WASHINGTON JOHNSON, Chairman.

J. W. Wood, Secretary.

Col. J. L. Orr will be relieved of the command of his rifle regiment for the present, with a view to taking his seat in the Confederate Congress.

Virginia Correspondence.

Sgt. ROBINSON, S. C. V., N.Y.

January 14, 1862.

DEAR SPARTAN.—Owing to the imprudence and almost wanton indiscretion of many army and special newspaper correspondents in minutely publishing the strength, position, intended movements, fortifications, &c., of our army at various points, which said information rarely fails to fall into the hands of the enemy, greatly to the prejudice and embarrassment of our operations, our commanding Generals have been compelled, from necessity, to issue the most stringent and effective orders, forbidding and prohibiting any newspaper or private correspondence whatever, of a nature in any wise that would benefit the enemy, relative to our strength, position, &c. Fearing that I might unintentionally violate the spirit of these orders, I have endeavored to secure its continuance. To accomplish this object, they have effected arrangements for a regular supply of paper and ink, and with the composing force at their command, promise to the readers, regularity, with such intelligence as these stirring times may afford.

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From the distance from Sparta to Knoxville we will add in about 100 miles, through a wild region—*Richmond Inquirer*.

Battle of Fishing Creek.

PETERSBURG, VA., January 21. A special dispatch to the Petersburg Express, from a friend in Knoxville, gives the following account of the late battle at Fishing Creek, Ky.:—Gen. Crittenden began the attack at seven o'clock Sunday morning. The enemy's strength was supposed to be about fifteen hundred, but afterwards augmented, numbered four thousand. Gen. Zollicoffer was killed early in the action. Gen. Crittenden was wounded, when Gen. Carroll assumed command and recrossed the Cumberland. Our losses about three hundred, that of the enemy from four to five hundred.

The Fifteenth Mississippi, White's and Battle's Regiments, protected our rear, while our army was recrossing the river. Burbridge and McClellan's batteries were both lost. We marched six miles to attack the enemy, who was repulsed three times, and fell back to their fortifications. They then反unched upon us. We retreated to our breastworks and were surrounded by the enemy, but determined to cross the Cumberland river, which we did after a heavy fire. This was 8 o'clock Sunday night. We lost all our horses, tents, equipment, and eleven guns. The latter were either broken or thrown into the river.

It is not known whether the enemy have crossed the river. Col. Powell, Battle, McClellan and Cummings, were wounded. But Geom Morton, Indians and Cliff, were taken prisoners. Our regiments were all engaged. Majors Fogg and Hills were wounded, the former in the hip. Gen. Zollicoffer's body was not recovered. Our forces were about six thousand strong, and are still falling back.

Fatal Virginia.
RICHMOND, January 20.—It was stated in Congress to-day that a message had been received by a high Government official, stating that the Burnside expedition had proved a failure, most of the vessels having been wrecked.

The subject of the above notice has been for four years a communicant of the Baptist Church at New Prospect, and maintained at home and in the camp, an unblemished Christian character.

Green Forest Station, S. C., Jan. 20, 1862.

Cedar Keys, Florida.

A letter from Cedar Key, Florida, states that the Yankees visited that place on the 10th instant, and destroyed several vessels, already loaded and ready for sea, about 50 bags of cotton, a quantity of spirits of turpentine, rail road wharf, &c. The citizens of Cedar Keys were not molested, nor any private property taken. Since that time the enemy have left.

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Western Items.

NASHVILLE, January 21.—The most reliable information has been received to the effect that two regiments—Fifth Tennessee and Staunton's Mississippi—were in the fight near Mill Springs. The estimated number of killed, wounded and prisoners vary from three to five hundred. Crittenden, with nearly all of his force, is now at Monteagle, and others are marching to the relief of the 20th Kentucky, who had been repulsed from Mill Springs. The friends of General McClellan, the commander-in-chief, thus addressed him:

"Support you had no Uncle Samism whatever, wherever you go." "There," replied Lee, "I will take care to leave no rebel regiment behind." At Missouri, Arkansas, and the Indian country will not come partially under the laws of the Government, my plan is to make them a wilderness. I would give the rebels twenty-four hours to choose between exile and death. Sir, if I can't do better, I will kill off the white traitors, and give their lands to the loyal black men."

The friends of the enemy seem to prefer the Union to the Confederacy, and the friends of the Confederacy to the Union.

The account which has been received here, through official sources, is substantially as follows:

Our troops, under command of Maj. Gen. George B. Crittenden, marched against the enemy on Sunday morning last, the 19th inst. They found them encamped in a strong position on Fishing Creek. This is a stream which flows South into Cumberland river, and passes Somerville on the West. The attack was made by our troops, and repulsed by the superior numbers of the enemy. During this affair, Zollicoffer was slain, after which a disorderly retreat ensued on the part of the Confederate forces. The enemy pursued to our entrenched works, and there attacked our breastworks and shell'd our camp, losing their artillery, ammunition, &c., and commenced a retreat towards Knoxville.

The number of killed and wounded on our side is stated at five hundred. No mention is made of prisoners.

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creased by the fall of Gen. Zollicoffer, and this was still further added to by the disorderly retreat or flight back to their own entrenched camp. When the enemy followed them there, they found whipped men behind our breast works, who quickly abandoned every thing and took up the line of retreat to the rear.

The battle is very creditable to our service and will doubtless be strictly enquired into by the officers and men in the rear. For the present, however, the enemy's losses are not known, but it is believed to be about three hundred.

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